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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE M. PETER MCPHERSON The Acting Secretary of Treasury

THE HONORABLE FRANK C. CARLUCCI The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE RICHARD J. THORNBURGH The Attorney General

THE HONORABLE JAMES C. MILLER III
The Director, Office of Management and Budget

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. WEBSTER
The Director of Central Intelligence

ADMIRAL WILLIAM J. CROWE, JR. Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT:

Decisions on UN Funding (U)

During two terms in office, this Administration has sought to change both the hostile political bias and the wasteful management and budgetary practices of the United Nations. Although reform is incomplete, progress is striking. Political and economic debate reflects a point of view more congenial to our own. Reforms have been enacted or are being enacted to give major contributors, including the U.S., a greater voice in setting budget and program priorities and to meet most of our other organizational concerns. Furthermore, the UN is undertaking new peacekeeping operations — in Afghanistan, the Persian Gulf and, potentially, Angola-Namibia — which directly serve important U.S. foreign policy interests. (C)

In light of these developments and reflecting discussion at the National Security Planning Group meeting of September 8, 1988, the President has taken the following decisions concerning funding for the United Nations and its peacekeeping operations, as well as for other international organizations. (S)

The President has signed the determination to release \$44 million in FY-88 funds currently withheld pursuant to Section 702 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989. The Department of State should prepare the necessary determination for release of FY-89 funds restricted under the same legislation as appropriate early in the next fiscal year. (U)

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- -- The Department of State is directed to include in its FY-90 budget submission to Congress funding necessary to meet full U.S. obligations for all organizations in the UN system and for international peacekeeping activities to the extent permitted by law and overriding policy considerations. (C)
- -- The Department of State is directed to prepare for the President's consideration a study regarding the desirability and feasibility of paying outstanding arrearages in U.S. contributions to the UN system. (C)
- -- The Department of State is directed to develop, in coordination with the Department of Defense and the Office of Management and Budget, a legislative proposal for transmittal to Congress providing authority to the President to transfer funds from any account in the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1989, or the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriation Act, 1989, for U.S. contributions to new international peacekeeping operations. This contingency authority is sought to meet urgent requirements which might arise when Congress is not in session during the period prior to 'March 1, 1989. (S)

FOR THE PRESIDENT

Colin L. Powell

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